IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims for this application.

1 - 33 (canceled without prejudice)

34. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having sequences of instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the processor in a computer to perform a data preparation method, comprising: integrating data from a plurality ~~variety~~ of systems using xml and a common schema ~~to support organization processing~~ as required to transform said data into an integrated database and output said database where said data is representative of a physical object.

35. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 34 where the physical object comprises an organization and the common schema includes an organization designation.

36. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 35 wherein the designated organization is a single product, a group of products, a division, a company, a multi-company corporation or a value chain.

37. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 34 where the common schema is statistically valid and includes a data structure.

38. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 37 where the data structure is a hierarchy.

39. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 34 where the common schema includes a data dictionary.

40. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 39 where the data dictionary defines standard data attributes from the group consisting of account numbers, components of value, currencies, elements of value, units of measure and time periods.

41. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 34 where data are obtained from a plurality of systems selected from the group consisting of advanced financial systems, basic financial systems, alliance management systems, brand management systems, customer relationship management systems, channel management systems, intellectual property management systems, process management systems, vendor management systems, operation management systems, sales management systems, human resource systems, accounts receivable systems, accounts payable systems, capital asset systems, inventory systems, invoicing systems, payroll systems, purchasing systems and combinations thereof.

42. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 34 wherein at least a portion of the data are from the Internet or an external database.

43. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 34 where the data preparation method further comprises converting data to match a common schema and storing the converted data in a central database.

44. (currently amended) A computer implemented data preparation method, comprising: integrating data representative of a physical object or substance from a plurality variety of systems using xml and a common schema to support organization processing as required to transform said data into an integrated database that stores data in accordance with said schema and output said database.

45. (currently amended) The method of claim 44 where the physical object or substance comprises an organization and the common schema includes an organization designation and data structure.

46. (previously presented) The method of claim 45 wherein the designated organization is a single product, a group of products, a division, a company, a multi-company corporation or a value chain.

47. (currently amended) The method of claim 44 where the common schema includes a data dictionary.

48. (previously presented) The method of claim 47 where the data dictionary defines standard data attributes from the group consisting of account numbers, components of value, currencies, elements of value, units of measure and time periods.

49. (currently amended) The method of claim 44 where data are obtained from a plurality of systems selected from the group consisting of advanced financial systems, basic financial systems, alliance management systems, brand management systems, customer relationship management systems, channel management systems, intellectual property management systems, process management systems, vendor management systems, operation management systems, sales management systems, human resource systems, accounts receivable systems, accounts payable systems, capital asset systems, inventory systems, invoicing systems, payroll systems and purchasing systems.

50. (previously presented) The method of claim 44 wherein at least a portion of the data are from the Internet or external databases.

51. (previously presented) The method of claim 44 where the data preparation method further comprises converting and storing data in accordance with a common schema.

52. (previously presented) A computer readable medium having sequences of instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the processors in a plurality of computers connected via a network to perform the data preparation method of claim 44.

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62. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having sequences of instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the processors in a plurality of computers that have been connected via a network to perform an organization management method, comprising:

integrating a plurality of organization related data from a variety of sources in accordance with a common schema transforming data representative of an organization from a plurality of systems into an integrated database that stores data by item in accordance with an xml metadata standard and a common schema, and

using at least a portion of said data to create ~~and output~~ one or more tools for organization management~~, and~~

~~making the one or more tools available for review~~

where the one or more tools for organization management further comprise a system for automated trading of an organization equity security based on a calculated market sentiment value and one or more tools selected from the group consisting of analytical models, category of value models, component of value models, market value models, network models, optimization models, simulation models, value chain models, management reports, lists of changes that will optimize one or more aspects of organization financial performance and combinations thereof.

63. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 62 where the one or more tools are made available for review using an electronic display, a paper document or combinations thereof.

64. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 62 where data are obtained from a plurality of systems selected from the group consisting of advanced financial systems, basic financial systems, alliance management systems, brand management systems, customer relationship management systems, channel management systems, estimating systems, intellectual property management systems, process management systems, supply chain management systems, vendor management systems, operation management systems, enterprise resource planning systems (ERP), material requirement planning systems (MRP), quality control systems, sales management systems, human resource systems, accounts receivable systems, accounts payable systems, capital asset systems, inventory systems, invoicing systems, payroll systems, purchasing systems, web site systems, the Internet, external databases, user input and combinations thereof.

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68. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 62, where the common schema defines common attributes selected from the group consisting of data structure, organization designation, data dictionary and combinations thereof.

69. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 68 where the data dictionary defines standard data attributes from the group consisting of account numbers, components of value, currencies, elements of value, organization designations, time periods and units of measure.

70. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 68 where the data structure is a hierarchy.

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90. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 62, wherein the one or more aspects of organization financial performance are selected from the group consisting of organization revenue, organization expense, organization capital change, organization current operation value, organization real option value, organization market sentiment value, organization market value and combinations thereof.

91. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 62, wherein the identified changes are changes to alliance value drivers, brand value drivers, channel value drivers, customer value drivers, customer relationship value drivers, employee value drivers, equipment value drivers, intellectual property value drivers, partnership value drivers, process value drivers, production equipment value drivers, vendor value drivers, vendor relationship value drivers, organization equity and combinations thereof.

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134. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 62 that learns the relative importance of the different elements of value, categories of value and enterprises in determining organization financial performance as required to support the development of one or more tools for organization management.

135. (currently amended) A data preparation system, comprising:
a computer with a processor having circuitry to execute instructions; a storage device available to said processor with sequences of instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the processor to:

integrate a plurality of data ~~representative of an organization that physically exists~~ from a plurality of organization related systems and an Internet using xml and a common schema ~~as required to transform said data into an integrated database that stores data in accordance with said schema and output said database,~~ and ~~store said data in an application database for use in processing~~

~~where an application database further comprises a central database that makes the data accessible and available for extraction and analysis so as to provide a coherent view of the data for an enterprise.~~

136. (currently amended) The system of claim 135, wherein storing said data in an ~~application~~ integrated database for use in processing further comprises using metadata mapping to convert and store data in accordance with a common schema by item.

137. (previously presented) The system of claim 135, wherein a common schema includes attributes selected from the group consisting of organization designation, data structure, metadata standard, data dictionary and combinations thereof.

138. (previously presented) The system of claim 137, wherein an organization designation further comprises a single product, a group of products, a division, a company, a multi-company corporation or a value chain.

139. (previously presented) The system of claim 137, wherein a common schema further comprises a data dictionary where the data dictionary defines standard data attributes selected from the group consisting of account numbers, components of value, currencies, elements of value, units of measure, time periods and combinations thereof.

140. (previously presented) The system of claim 135, wherein a plurality of organization related systems are database management systems for systems selected from the group consisting of advanced financial systems, basic financial systems, alliance management systems, brand management systems, customer relationship management systems, channel management systems, intellectual property management systems, process management systems, vendor management systems, operation management systems, sales management systems, human resource systems, accounts receivable systems, accounts payable systems, capital asset systems, inventory systems, invoicing systems, payroll systems, purchasing systems and combinations thereof.

141. (currently amended) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform the method steps in a data processing method, comprising:

use metadata mapping to integrate a plurality of data ~~representative of a physical object or substance~~ from a plurality of systems in accordance with xml and a common schema to ~~transform said data into an integrated database that stores data by item in accordance with said schema and output said database~~ support organization processing

where metadata mapping is guided by a metadata mapping table.

142. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 141, wherein at least some data are pre-specified for integration.

143. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 141, wherein ~~a plurality of integrated enterprise data are converted and stored in an application database in accordance with a common schema~~ the schema is statistically valid.

144. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 141, wherein a set of integration and conversion rules are established using a metadata and conversion rules window and saved in a metadata mapping table.

145. (currently amended) A ~~computer implemented~~ data method, comprising using metadata mapping to integrate a plurality of data ~~representative of an enterprise~~ from a plurality of enterprise related systems in accordance with xml and a common schema ~~as required to transform said data into an integrated database that stores data by item in accordance with said schema and output said database~~ to support organization processing

where metadata mapping is guided by a metadata mapping table.

146. (previously presented) The method of claim 145, wherein a plurality of systems are selected from the group consisting of advanced financial systems, basic financial systems, alliance management systems, brand management systems, customer relationship management systems, channel management systems, intellectual property management systems, process management systems, vendor management systems,

operation management systems, sales management systems, human resource systems, accounts receivable systems, accounts payable systems, capital asset systems, inventory systems, invoicing systems, payroll systems, enterprise resource planning systems (ERP), material requirement planning systems (MRP), scheduling systems, supply chain systems, quality control systems, purchasing systems, risk management systems, the Internet and combinations thereof.

147. (previously presented) The method of claim 145, wherein a metadata and conversion rules window is used to establish a metadata mapping table and a conversion rules table.

148. (previously presented) The method of claim 145, wherein a common schema identifies data designations selected from the group consisting of components of value, sub components of value, known value drivers, elements of value, sub elements of value, non-relevant attributes and combinations thereof.

149. (previously presented) The method of claim 145, wherein a data method further comprises storing a plurality of converted data in one or more tables to support organization processing.

150. (currently amended) A data preparation system, comprising:

a computer with a processor having circuitry to execute instructions; a storage device available to said processor with sequences of instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the processor to:

use metadata mapping to integrate and convert a plurality of data from a plurality of enterprise related systems in accordance with xml and a common schema to as required to transform said data into an integrated database and output said database support organization processing

where metadata mapping is guided by a metadata mapping table, and

where a plurality of enterprise related systems are selected from the group consisting of advanced financial systems, basic financial systems, alliance management systems, brand management systems, customer relationship management systems, channel management systems, intellectual property management systems, process management systems, vendor management systems, operation management systems, sales management systems, human

resource systems, accounts receivable systems, accounts payable systems, capital asset systems, inventory systems, invoicing systems, payroll systems, enterprise resource planning systems (ERP), material requirement planning systems (MRP), scheduling systems, supply chain systems, quality control systems, purchasing systems and combinations thereof.

151. (previously presented) The system of claim 150, wherein at least some data are pre-specified for integration and conversion.

152. (previously presented) The system of claim 150, wherein a metadata and conversion rules window is used to establish a metadata mapping table and a conversion rules table.

153. (previously presented) The system of claim 150, wherein a common schema identifies data designations selected from the group consisting of components of value, sub components of value, known value drivers, elements of value, sub elements of value, non-relevant attributes and combinations thereof.

154. (previously presented) The system of claim 150, wherein at least a portion of the data are obtained from an Internet or an external database.

155. (currently amended) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform the method steps in a data processing method, comprising:

use metadata mapping to integrate a plurality of data representative of an enterprise from a plurality of enterprise related systems in accordance xml and a common schema as required to transform said data into an integrated database that stores data by item in accordance with said schema and output said database to support organization processing

where metadata mapping is guided by a metadata mapping table, and

where a metadata and conversion rules window is used to establish a metadata mapping table.

156. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 155, wherein at least some data are pre-specified for integration and conversion

157. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 155, wherein a plurality of integrated enterprise data are stored in an application database in accordance with a common schema.

158. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 155, wherein a plurality of enterprise related systems are selected from the group consisting of advanced financial systems, basic financial systems, alliance management systems, brand management systems, customer relationship management systems, channel management systems, intellectual property management systems, process management systems, vendor management systems, operation management systems, sales management systems, human resource systems, accounts receivable systems, accounts payable systems, capital asset systems, inventory systems, invoicing systems, payroll systems, enterprise resource planning systems (ERP), material requirement planning systems (MRP), scheduling systems, supply chain systems, quality control systems, purchasing systems, risk management systems, the Internet and combinations thereof.

159. (currently amended) A computer implemented data method, comprising using metadata mapping to integrate a plurality of data representative of an enterprise that physically exists from a plurality of enterprise related systems in accordance with xml and a common schema to support organization processing as required to transform said data into an integrated database that stores data in accordance with said schema and output said database

    where metadata mapping is guided by a metadata mapping table and where a metadata and conversion rules window is used to establish a metadata mapping table.

160. (previously presented) The method of claim 159, wherein a plurality of enterprise related systems are selected from the group consisting of advanced financial systems, basic financial systems, alliance management systems, brand management systems, customer relationship management systems, channel management systems, intellectual property management systems, process management systems, vendor management systems, operation management systems, sales management systems, human resource systems, accounts receivable systems, accounts payable systems, capital asset systems, inventory systems, invoicing systems, payroll systems, enterprise resource

planning systems (ERP), material requirement planning systems (MRP), scheduling systems, supply chain systems, quality control systems, purchasing systems, risk management systems, the Internet and combinations thereof.

161. (previously presented) The method of claim 159, wherein a metadata and conversion rules window is used to establish a metadata mapping table and a conversion rules table.

162. (previously presented) The method of claim 159, wherein a common schema identifies data designations selected from the group consisting of components of value, sub components of value, known value drivers, elements of value, sub elements of value, non-relevant attributes and combinations thereof.

163. (previously presented) The method of claim 159, wherein a data method further comprises storing a plurality of converted data in one or more tables to support organization processing.

164. (currently amended) A data preparation system, comprising:
a computer with a processor having circuitry to execute instructions; a storage device available to said processor with sequences of instructions stored therein, which when executed cause the processor to:
use metadata mapping to integrate and convert a plurality of data representative of an enterprise that physically exists from a plurality of enterprise related systems in accordance with xml and a common schema to transform said data into an integrated database and output said database support organization processing
where metadata mapping is guided by a metadata mapping table,
where a metadata and conversion rules window is used to establish a metadata mapping table, and
where a plurality of enterprise related systems are selected from the group consisting of advanced financial systems, basic financial systems, alliance management systems, brand management systems, customer relationship management systems, channel management systems, intellectual property management systems, process management systems, vendor management systems, operation management systems, sales management systems, human resource systems, accounts receivable systems, accounts payable systems,

capital asset systems, inventory systems, invoicing systems, payroll systems, enterprise resource planning systems (ERP), material requirement planning systems (MRP), scheduling systems, supply chain systems, quality control systems, purchasing systems and combinations thereof.

165. (previously presented) The system of claim 164, wherein at least some data are pre-specified for integration and conversion.

166. (previously presented) The system of claim 164, wherein a common schema identifies data designations selected from the group consisting of components of value, sub components of value, known value drivers, elements of value, sub elements of value, non-relevant attributes and combinations thereof.

167. (previously presented) The system of claim 164, wherein at least a portion of the data are obtained from an Internet or an external database.